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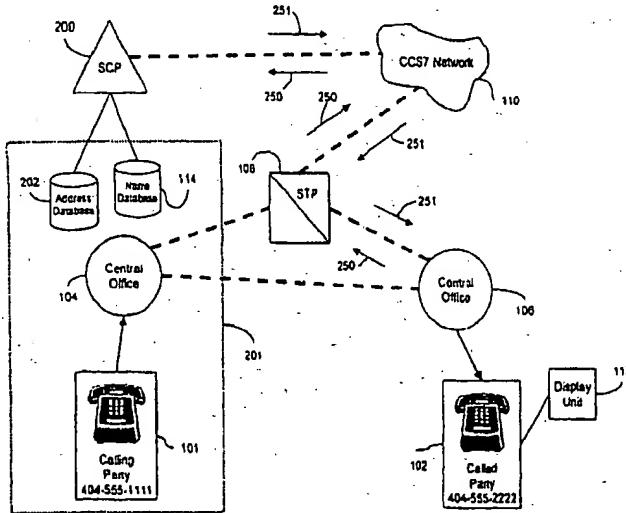
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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DELIVERY OF
A CALLING PARTY'S LOCATION**

BACKGROUND

5 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to telecommunication systems, and in particular, to caller name delivery services and networks that track the location and identity of network devices.

Background of the Invention

10 Users of modern public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) have long enjoyed the benefits of calling name delivery (CNAM), also known as caller identification or caller ID. CNAM enables a called party to view information about a calling party on a display unit, which is typically a liquid crystal display (LCD), a light-emitting diode (LED) display, or a comparable device. The displayed information generally includes at least the calling party's name, the calling party's directory number, and the date and time of the call.

15 PSTNs typically provide CNAM information (except for the date and time, which is generally provided by the display unit) using the model illustrated in Figure 1, which is a prior art schematic of a CNAM system architecture implemented within an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN). AIN networks use a complex, high speed, high traffic volume data packet-switched messaging system to provide versatility in the handling of telephone calls. The Advanced Intelligent Network System is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,701,301 and U.S. Patent No. 5,838,774, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

20 Referring to Figure 1, CNAM is typically implemented in the following manner. A calling party 101 picks up the telephone and dials the directory number of a called party 102, which is 404-555-2222. Called party 102 is a CNAM subscriber having a CNAM display

unit 116. CNAM display unit 116 could be separate from or integral to the device of called party 102. After calling party 101 dials the directory number, an central office 104 (also referred to as a service switching point) serving calling party 101 obtains routing information 5 and populates an initial address message (IAM) with certain information. The IAM is a parameter that exists within an integrated services digital network user part (ISUP) signaling message. The IAM is a defined message type from TR-NTW-000246 and ITU Q.764/Q.767, and is one of a sequence of messages used in ISUP 10 trunk signaling. An ISUP signaling message employs a Common Circuit Signaling System 7 (CCS7) call setup protocol. In particular, the IAM is populated with the directory number of calling party (404-555-1111), the directory number of the called party (404-555-2222), and a presentation parameter. In this case, the presentation 15 parameter allows a CNAM display.

Central office 104 then sends this routing information in the signaling message to a central office 106, which serves called party 102. Recognizing that the call is for a CNAM subscriber, central office 106 halts the calling process to launch a calling name query 150 on 20 the CCS7 network. As a part of the query launch, central office 106 populates a called party address parameter in query 150 with the directory number of calling party 101, in this case 404-555-1111. The called party address parameter is a routing parameter within an Advanced Intelligence Network (AIN) query package.

25 After central office 106 has populated the called party address parameter, calling name query 150 is sent to a signaling transfer point (STP) 108. STP 108 performs a global title translation (GTT) on the called party address parameter to determine to which service control point (SCP) calling name query 150 should be routed. This 30 determination is made based on the first three digits (the numbering plan area, or NPA) in the directory number of calling party 101, which

in this case is 404. STP 108 then forwards the calling name query to the appropriate SCP 112 through CCS7 Network 110. SCP 112 searches a CNAM database 114 for calling party's record from which SCP 112 retrieves the associated name. CNAM database 114 is 5 preferably a part of SCP 112, as shown in Figure 1, but may be separate from SCP 112, or incorporated as part of another network element such as a service node or a switch.

SCP 112 returns the name associated with the directory number of calling party 101 in a transaction capability application part (TCAP) 10 response 151 to central office 106 through CCS7 Network 110 and STP 108. TCAP response 151 is the final message containing instructions on how to handle the call. TCAP response 151 ends the SSP/SCP transaction that began with calling name query 150. In this example, the full name of calling party 101 is returned in TCAP 15 response 151 to central office 106.

When central office 106 terminates the call to called party 102, central office 106 sends the name of calling party 101 and the directory number of calling party 101 (404-555-1111). Central office 106 sends this information over called party's line to called party's 20 display unit 116. The information is then displayed on called party's display unit 116, along with the date and time of the call (generated by display unit 116).

The principal advantage of conventional CNAM services is the ability to screen calls. Upon receiving a call, a called party can review 25 the information on the display unit and decide whether or not to answer the call. However, users wanting to screen calls and fulfill other location-sensitive purposes often prefer to know more about the calling party than just name, number, date, and time. For instance, a service dispatcher monitoring the activities of his service technician 30 may wish to receive the exact location of his technician each time the technician calls in, so as to facilitate efficient scheduling of the next

assignment. Although the name and number on the CNAM display unit could possibly provide clues to the technician's location, the dispatcher would prefer seeing a more precise and easily understandable description of location, e.g., a street address or 5 building name. Thus, although the typical CNAM information may be suitable for simple call screening, many telephone users would prefer to receive even more information about the calling party.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention is a method and system for providing a service that delivers location information associated with a caller. The service operates in both wireline and wireless networks, providing called parties with the location information of calling parties who use either stationary or wireless telephones. The service can operate as a stand 15 alone service or can be a part of a CNAM service, delivering location information in addition to the conventional name, number, date, and time. In conjunction with any call, the present invention reports to the called party the location from which the calling party is calling. Therefore, a subscriber can use the valuable location information to 20 better screen calls and to fulfill other location-sensitive purposes.

The primary components of the present invention include a service control point, an address database in communication with the service control point, and a network that tracks the locations of network users. The service control point operates within a PSTN in 25 cooperation with other AIN components, such as signal transfer points and service switching points. The address database operates within the location-tracking network and allows access by the service control point to its contents. The location-tracking network interfaces with the PSTN to terminate calls between location-tracking network users and PSTN users. For example, for a wireline network, central offices 30

provide this interface. As another example, for a wireless network, mobile switching centers (MSCs) provide this interface. As another example, for voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) calls, an Internet protocol network and an IP-to-PSTN gateway provide the interface.

- 5 The service control point performs service logic in response to a query requesting the location of a calling party. The service control point can also execute logic in response to a query for the caller name. The service control point accesses the name database (for CNAM) and the address database (for location information delivery). In response
- 10 to queries, the service control point also returns routing instructions to direct the service switching points how to terminate a call and to provide CNAM and location information for presenting on a display unit.

The address database cross-references location information with directory numbers, listing location information for every directory number. These directory numbers (commonly referred to as telephone numbers) correspond to stationary terminal devices (e.g., telephones connected to the wireline network) and to mobile devices (e.g., cellular telephones). For stationary terminal devices, the location-tracking network records each entry in the address database upon service activation and does not change the entry unless the terminal device is disconnected and/or moved. For mobile devices, the location-tracking network periodically updates entries in the address database, changing the location information as the mobile devices move from place to place.

The location-tracking network is a call carrier that tracks the locations of its users and maintains the information in the address database. For example, the location-tracking network could be a wireline network that records the location of stationary terminal

devices upon service activation. As another example, the location-tracking network could be a conventional wireless network providing such services as paging, digital cellular, and personal communications services (PCS). To track location of wireless network users, the 5 wireless network would use, for example, handheld device location systems or network-based location systems. As another example, the location-tracking network could be an Internet protocol network, in which location could be an email address.

Together, in the context of a call, these components deliver the 10 location of a calling party to a called party for presentation to the called party using such media as textual displays, graphical displays, and audio messages. The methods by which the locations are delivered vary depending on whether the calling party is using a stationary terminal device or a mobile device. Broadly stated, the 15 method of the present invention for delivering a calling party's location in the context of a call from a stationary terminal device includes receiving the call at a service switching point, activating a trigger set for calls to a location delivery subscriber (the called party), sending a query to the service control point requesting location information, 20 searching the address database for the calling party's directory number to determine the calling party's location, returning routing instructions and the calling party's location to the service switching point, routing the call to the called party, and displaying the calling party's location on the called party's display unit. Alternately, the 25 method could also include searching a name database in communication with the service control point for the calling party's number to determine the calling party's name, returning the calling party's name, and displaying the calling party's name on the display unit.

In the context of a call from a mobile device, the method of the present invention generally includes determining the calling party's location using a location system of the location-tracking network, recording the calling party's location in the address database with an associated identifier (e.g., Mobile Identification Number, or MIN), forwarding the call to a service switching point of the PSTN, activating a trigger set for calls to a location delivery subscriber (the called party), sending a query to the service control point requesting location information, searching the address database for the calling party's directory number to determine the calling party's location, returning routing instructions and the calling party's location to the service switching point, routing the call to the called party, and displaying the calling party's location on the called party's display unit.

Preferably, the location system records the calling party's location in a way meaningful to the location delivery subscriber of the location information delivery service. For example, location information could include street addresses, landmarks, or building names. However, if the location system provides less descriptive location information, this method may also include the step of converting the location information provided by the location system into a more meaningful description or a description better suited for displaying on a display unit. For example, if the location system merely provides position coordinates, the service control point could use a mapping converter to translate the position coordinates received from the address database into a street address or building name for display on the display unit.

Alternatively, in addition to location delivery, the present invention could also include searching a name database in communication with the service control point for the calling party's identifier to determine the calling party's name, returning the calling

party's name, and displaying the calling party's name on the display unit.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a subscriber with the location of a calling party.

5 Another object of the present invention is to provide location delivery subscribers with easy to understand location descriptions.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a location delivery service for both wireline and wireless network users and for both stationary terminal devices and mobile devices.

10 These and other objects of the present invention are described in greater detail in the detailed description of the invention, the appended drawings, and the attached claims.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a prior art schematic diagram illustrating the CNAM 15 operating environment.

Figure 2a is a schematic diagram of a system architecture that provides location delivery for calling parties using stationary terminal devices, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

20 Figure 2b is a flowchart, corresponding to Figure 2a, outlining the method steps for delivering the location of a calling party using a stationary terminal device, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

25 Figure 2c is a schematic diagram of a system architecture that provides location delivery for calling parties using stationary VoIP terminal devices, according to an alternate preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 3a is a schematic diagram of a system architecture that provides location delivery for calling parties using mobile devices, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 3b is a flowchart, corresponding to Figure 3a, outlining 5 the method steps for delivering the location of a calling party mobile devices, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a location delivery service for called 10 parties. The invention provides subscribing called parties with location information about calling parties, for both stationary terminal devices (e.g., wireline) and mobile devices (e.g., wireless). The location delivery service enables a subscriber to more effectively screen calls and to satisfy other location-sensitive purposes. The present 15 invention contemplates future enhanced digital cellular networks that will track the identity and location of each wireless network user.

The system of the present invention provides location delivery using at least a service control point, an address database in communication with the service control point, and a network that 20 tracks the locations of network devices. If the location-tracking network provides location information in a form unsuitable for display on a display unit, the system further includes a mapping converter in communication with the service control point. The method of the present invention varies according to whether a calling party is a 25 stationary terminal device (e.g., wireline) or a mobile device (e.g., wireless). The system architecture of Figure 2a and the corresponding flowchart of Figure 2b illustrate the location delivery service for a wireline call from a stationary terminal device, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The system 30 architecture of Figure 3a and the corresponding flowchart of Figure 3b illustrate the location delivery service for a wireless call from a mobile

device, according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to Figure 2a, the primary components of the stationary terminal device embodiment of the present invention

5 include SCP 200 and address database 202. Address database 202 is a part of location-tracking network 201 and contains a location description for the location-tracking network terminal devices (e.g., telephones) organized by directory number. SCP 200 is in communication with address database 202 and is specially

10 programmed to perform location delivery logic. Specifically, in response to a query requesting location information, SCP 200 reads the calling party information embedded in the query, and consults address database 202 for the calling party's location (i.e., the location of the calling party's wireline network terminal). SCP 200 returns

15 routing instructions including the location of the calling party. Optionally, the query also asks for call name delivery information, in response to which SCP 200 consults name database 114 for the calling party's name and SCP 200 returns the name and telephone number of the calling party along with the location information.

20 Address database 202 and name database 114 are preferably maintained by location-tracking network 201 as shown in Figure 2a, whereby network user names and locations are stored upon service activation and SCP 200 is given access to the information. Alternatively, the network of SCP 200 could maintain address

25 database 202 and name database 114.

Based on the system architecture shown in Figure 2a, a preferred embodiment of the present invention delivers the location information of a calling party using a stationary terminal device according to the method shown in Figure 2b. Although this method

30 describes location information delivered in the context of CNAM, the present invention could provide location delivery wholly separate from

a CNAM service. In addition, while the system operation described herein and illustrated in the diagrams and flowcharts contains many specific details, these specific details should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the invention, but rather as examples of 5 preferred embodiments thereof. As would be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art, many other variations on the system operation are possible, including differently grouped and ordered method steps. Accordingly, the scope of the invention should be determined not by the embodiments illustrated, but by the appended 10 claims and their equivalents.

Referring to Figures 2a and 2b, in step 260, calling party 101 dials the directory number of a called party 102 (404-555-2222). Called party 102 is a CNAM subscriber having a display unit 117. In step 262, central office 104 serving calling party 101 obtains routing 15 information, populates an initial address message (IAM) with the directory number of calling party 101 (404-555-1111), the directory number of the called party 102 (404-555-2222), and a presentation parameter (in this example) that allows a CNAM display. In step 264, central office 104 sends this routing information in the signaling 20 message to central office 106, which serves called party 102.

In step 266, the signaling message activates a trigger on central office 106 set for calls to a CNAM and location delivery subscriber (the called party). The trigger launches a query 250 asking for the name and location of the calling party, and including in the called party 25 address parameter the directory number of calling party 101, 404-555-1111. In step 268, central office 106 sends query 250 to STP 108, which performs a global title translation on the called party address parameter and determines that query 250 should be routed to SCP 200. STP 108 then forwards the query 250 to SCP 200 through 30 CCS7 Network 110 in step 270.

In response to query 250, in step 272, SCP 200 searches name database 114 for calling party 101's record, from which SCP 200 retrieves the associated name. SCP 200 also searches address database 202 for calling party 101's record from which SCP 200

5 retrieves calling party 101's location information.

In step 274, SCP 200 returns the name and location associated with the directory number of calling party 101 (along with call routing instructions) in a transaction capability application part (TCAP) response 251 to central office 106 through CCS7 Network 110 and

10 STP 108. In step 276, central office 106 terminates the call to called party 102, sending the name, directory number, and location of calling party 101. Finally, in step 278, the information, including the location of calling party 101, is displayed on called party's display unit 117. Display unit 117 also generates and displays the date and time 15 of the call. Thus, for the wireline call, called party 102 knows the location of calling party 101 before answering the telephone call.

Although called party 102 is depicted as a wireline device in Figure 2a, one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that called party 102 could also be a wireless network user to which SCP 200 20 delivers location information. In such a case, the system architecture would preferably include a mobile switching center (MSC) between central office 106 and called party 102. The location information originating from SCP 200 would pass through CCS7 Network 110, STP 108, central office 106, the MSC, and onto the called party 202. Also, 25 preferably display unit 117 would be integral to the device of called party 102.

In addition, although calling party 101 is shown as a part of a separate location-tracking network 201 in Figure 2a, one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that calling party 101 could be within 30 the same network as called party 102. In such case, address

database 202 and name database 114 would also be within the same network.

In an alternate preferred embodiment of the present invention, the calling party is a stationary VoIP telephone, instead of a stationary wireline telephone, and the location-tracking network is an IP network (shown generally as 299). As shown in Figure 2c, VoIP telephone 290 is in communication with IP network 292. IP network 292 is in communication with name database 114 and address database 202 and maintains the information within the databases. To facilitate calls to and from the circuit-switched PSTN network, IP network 292 is in communication with central office 106 through gateway 294. Gateway 294 handles IP to PSTN conversions. Within this IP/PSTN system architecture, the method for delivering location information is as described above for the stationary wireline telephone, in Figures 2a and 2b.

Figure 3a illustrates a system architecture that provides location delivery for calling parties using mobile devices, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. As shown, the primary components of the mobile device embodiment of the present invention include SCP 300 and a location-tracking network 302, which in this case is a wireless network. Wireless network 302 tracks the location of wireless network devices, such as cellular telephones and interactive pagers, and records location data in address database 202 as part of each call. The methods by which wireless network 302 determines the location of a mobile wireless network device are described below. Wireless network 302 provides SCP 300 with access to address database 202. SCP 300 is specially programmed to perform location delivery logic. Specifically, in response to a query requesting location and CNAM information, SCP 300 reads the calling party information embedded in the query, which includes the calling party's directory number. Based on the directory number, SCP 300

consults name database 114 for calling party 101's name and address database 202 for calling party 101's location information. SCP 300 returns routing instructions including the name, telephone number, and location of the calling party.

5 If wireless network 302 provides location data in a rudimentary form not easily understood by a CNAM subscriber, the primary components of the wireless embodiment further include a mapping converter 304 in communication with SCP 300, as shown in Figure 3a. An example of a rudimentary form would be GPS coordinates, 10 with which the typical telephone user is unfamiliar. As used herein, "raw" refers to location data in a rudimentary form, unsuitable for display on a calling name display unit. "Displayable" refers to location data already suitable for display on a display unit. Mapping converter 304 translates the location data provided by wireless network 302 into 15 descriptions that are understandable to the typical user. For example, if wireless network 302 furnishes GPS coordinates, mapping converter 304 could translate coordinates X-Y into "101 Park Place." In this manner, SCP 300 reads the location data provided by wireless network 302, as translated (if necessary) by mapping converter 304, 20 and delivers the location information to display unit 117.

Although Figure 3a shows mapping converter 304 as a separate component within the PSTN network, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the functions and structure of mapping converter 304 could be located in several different places. For 25 example, mapping converter 304 could be located within SCP 300 or within name database 114. As another example, mapping converter 304 could also be located within wireless network 302, in communication with location system or as part of location system. Regardless of where mapping converter 304 is provisioned, the desired 30 end result is to deliver displayable location information to display unit 117.

In tracking the location of network devices, wireless network 302 determines the location of a network device during origination of the call from the calling party, and records the location data in address database 202. To obtain the location data, wireless network 5 302 uses any suitable location system. Examples of suitable location systems include handheld device location systems and network-based location systems. One example of a handheld device location system is a GPS mounted in a cellular telephone. Examples of network-based location systems include triangulation systems and Wireless 10 Application Protocol (WAP) location systems. Depending on the desired degree of accuracy, one or both of the location systems can be used to determine a device's location.

Suitable WAP location services are described in WAP version 1.1, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. WAP is 15 an application environment and set of communication protocols for wireless devices designed to enable manufacturer-, vendor-, and technology-independent access to the Internet and advanced telephony services. WAP provides wireless Internet access through all digital cellular networks, giving network users a menu driven method 20 for downloading information, such as flight schedules and bank account balances, to wireless devices from the Internet.

The present invention will enjoy widespread application as location-tracking networks continue to emerge. In particular, the present invention will take advantage of location data provided by 25 federally mandated enhanced wireless 911 (E911) services. E911 services help ensure that wireless telephones provide 911 call centers, or Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), with vital information necessary to locate and identify a caller in an emergency. To comply with E911 standards promulgated by the Federal Communications 30 Commission (FCC), wireless network providers will soon be required to

track the location and identity information of all wireless callers, with the purpose of providing such information to emergency personnel when a caller dials 911 from a wireless telephone. The FCC's wireless E911 rules require certain Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) carriers to begin transmission of enhanced location and identity information in two phases. Phase I requires carriers to transmit a caller's telephone number and general location to a PSAP. Phase II requires carriers to provide more precise location information to the PSAP. Thus, the present invention will parlay the location data obtained for the mandated E911 location tracking systems into valuable location information for the benefit of all location delivery and CNAM subscribers.

Based on the system architecture shown in Figure 3a, a preferred embodiment of the present invention delivers the location information of a wireless calling party according to the method shown in Figure 3b. Although this method describes location information delivered in the context of CNAM, the present invention could provide location delivery wholly separate from a CNAM service. Referring to Figures 3a and 3b, in step 360, calling party 101 dials the directory number of a called party 102 (404-555-2222) using a wireless device that is part of location-tracking wireless network 302. Called party 102 subscribes to location delivery and CNAM and has a display unit 117. In step 362, if wireless network 302 includes a handheld location system, the wireless device of calling party 101 forwards the location information to wireless network 302, which records the location information in address database 202. If wireless network 302 includes a network-based location service, the network-based location system determines the location of the handheld device and records the location information in address database 202.

In step 364, MSC 306 forwards the call to central office 106, which serves called party 102. The call includes the directory number

of calling party 101 (404-555-1111), the directory number of the called party 102 (404-555-2222), the mobile identification number of calling party 101, and a presentation parameter that enables a CNAM display.

- 5 In step 366, the call activates a trigger on central office 106 set for calls to a location delivery and CNAM subscriber (the called party). The trigger launches a query 350 asking for the name and location of the calling party, and including in the called party address parameter the directory number of calling party 101, 404-555-1111. In step 368, 10 central office 106 sends query 350 to STP 108, which performs a global title translation on the called party address parameter and determines that query 350 should be routed to SCP 300. STP 108 then forwards query 350 to SCP 300 through CCS7 Network 110 in step 370.
- 15 In step 372, in response to query 350's asking for name and location information, SCP 300 searches name database 114 for calling party 101's record (using calling party 101's directory number and/or mobile identification number) from which SCP 300 retrieves the associated name. SCP 300 also searches address database 202 and 20 retrieves the associated location information.
- 20 In step 374, SCP 300 determines whether the location data received from wireless network 302 is in raw or displayable form. If the location data received from wireless network 302 is in raw form not easily understood by subscribers (e.g., the location data is GPS coordinates), in step 376r, SCP 300 forwards the location data to mapping converter 304, which translates the location data into a descriptive title corresponding to the raw location data and returns the descriptive title to SCP 300. SCP 300 then substitutes the descriptive title for the raw location data. If the location data is in 25 displayable form, in step 376d, SCP 300 forwards the location data to mapping converter 304, which translates the location data into a descriptive title corresponding to the raw location data and returns the descriptive title to SCP 300. SCP 300 then substitutes the descriptive title for the raw location data. If the location data is in 30 displayable form, in step 376d, SCP 300 forwards the location data without involving mapping converter 304.

Having the location information and the name of calling party 101, SCP 300, in step 378, returns the name and location associated with the directory number of calling party 101 (along with call routing instructions) in a transaction capability application part (TCAP) 5 response 351 to central office 106 through CCS7 Network 110 and STP 108. In step 380, central office 106 terminates the call to called party 102, sending the name, directory number, and location of calling party 101. Finally, in step 382, the information, including the 10 location of calling party 101, is displayed on called party's display unit 117, along with the date and time of the call as generated by display unit 117.

In delivering location information, the present invention is compatible with most conventional CNAM display units. CNAM display units typically have a screen of three to four lines of text 15 displaying 14 characters each, and can accept up to 256 characters in each TCAP message. If a CNAM delivers a calling party's name, directory number, and time and date of the call, as well as the location information of the present invention, the CNAM display unit preferably contains a screen of four lines to accommodate these four items of 20 information. If the CNAM display unit contains only three lines, preferably the unit provides means for scrolling through the text. In either case, because conventional CNAM display units accommodate a TCAP message containing as many as 256 characters, the units have 25 existing capacity with which to display location information. Thus, the present invention carries the advantage of not requiring the procurement of additional hardware, *i.e.*, display units.

In an alternate preferred embodiment of the present invention, calling party 101 and called party 102 are wireless device users, both associated with the same wireless network or different wireless 30 networks. In this embodiment, for a wireless to wireless call between calling party 101 and called party 102, the method and system of

location delivery occurs as outlined above, except that wireless components are used in the system architecture and wireless protocols (e.g., Wireless Intelligent Network (WIN)) are used instead of wireline protocols (e.g., AIN).

5 The foregoing disclosure of embodiments of the present invention has been presented for purposes of illustration and description. It is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed. Many variations and modifications of the embodiments described herein will be obvious to 10 one of ordinary skill in the art in light of the above disclosure. The scope of the invention is to be defined only by the claims appended hereto, and by their equivalents.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for delivering a calling party's location comprising:
 - a) receiving a call at a central office, wherein data associated with the call includes a directory number of the calling party;
 - 5 b) triggering a query to a service control point;
 - c) retrieving location information associated with the calling party;
 - d) returning the location information to the central office;

and

 - 10 e) terminating the call and delivering the location information to a called party.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein if the call is from a stationary device, the method further comprises the step of recording the location information during the calling party's service activation.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the calling party's location information is a location where the stationary telephone is installed.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein if the call is from a mobile device, the method further comprises the step of recording the location information after the call originates and before the call is received at the central office.
- 20 5. The method of claim 4, the step of recording the location information comprises using a location system to determine a current location of the mobile device.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the current location is in raw form and wherein the step of recording the location information

further comprises translating the current location into a displayable form.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving the location information comprises searching a database for the calling 5 party's location information using the directory number.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving the location information further comprises translating the location information to a displayable form.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the location information is 10 global positioning system coordinates.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the displayable form is selected from the group consisting of a street address, a landmark, and a building name.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein delivering the location 15 information uses a medium selected from the group consisting of textual displays, graphical displays, and audio messages.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the directory number is a telephone number of the calling party.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the query to the service control 20 point requests location information of the calling party.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the database cross-references directory numbers with location information of the directory numbers.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein a network that tracks locations of network devices provides the location information.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the network provides enhanced 911 services.
17. A system for delivering a calling party's location information, the system comprising:
 - 5 a) an address database cross-referencing location descriptions with directory numbers; and
 - b) a service control point in communication with the address database,

wherein the service control point is adapted to receive a

 - 10 communication including a directory number of a calling party, to search the address database for a location description corresponding to the directory number, and to forward the location description.
18. The system of claim 17, wherein the communication is a query for routing instructions, the service control point is adapted to provide routing instructions, and the service control point returns routing instructions with the location description to a central office that forwards the location description to a display unit.
19. The system of claim 18, wherein the routing instructions are in the form of a transaction capability application part response.
20. The system of claim 17, further comprising a network that tracks locations of network devices, wherein the network records the location descriptions in the address database.
21. The system of claim 20, wherein the network devices are mobile devices and the network continually updates the address database with new location descriptions.

22. The system of claim 20, wherein the network devices are stationary devices and the network records the location descriptions of the stationary devices upon installation of the stationary devices.
23. The system of claim 20, wherein network is a wireless network
5 that supports enhanced 911 services.
24. The system of claim 20, wherein the network includes a handheld device location system that provides the location descriptions.
25. The system of claim 24, wherein the handheld device location
10 system is a global positioning system.
26. The system of claim 20, wherein the network includes a network-based location system that provides the location descriptions.
27. The system of claim 26, wherein the network-based location system is a Wireless Application Protocol location system.
- 15 28. The system of claim 20, further comprising a mapping converter that translates the location descriptions from raw form to displayable form.
29. The system of claim 28, wherein the mapping converter is in communication with the service control point.
- 20 30. The system of claim 28, wherein the mapping converter is in communication with the network that tracks location of network devices.
31. The system of claim 17, further comprising a name database cross-referencing calling party names with directory numbers,

wherein the service control point is further adapted to search the name database for a name corresponding to the directory number, and to forward the name to a display unit, and

wherein the display unit displays the location description and
5 the name.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the display unit is a calling name display unit.

33. A service control point for delivering a calling party's location information, the service control point comprising:

- 10 a) a first communication link for receiving a query requesting location information of a network device, the query including a directory number of the network device; and
- b) a second communication link to an address database that cross-references calling party location information with directory numbers,

15 wherein the service control point is adapted to receive the query and to search the address database for the calling party's location information corresponding to the directory number.

34. The service control point of claim 33, wherein the service control point is adapted to receive an integrated services digital network user part signaling message containing a calling party directory number, a called party directory number, and a presentation parameter.

20 35. The service control point of claim 33, wherein the service control point returns a transaction capability application part response including the calling party's location information and call routing 25 instructions.

36. The service control point of claim 33, further comprising a third communication link to a name database that cross-references calling party names with directory numbers,

wherein the service control point is further adapted to search
5 the name database for a calling party name corresponding to the directory number and the transaction capability application part response includes a calling party name.

37. The service control point of claim 33, further comprising a mapping converter that translates the calling party's location
10 information from raw to displayable form.

38. A system for delivering a calling party's location information, the system comprising:

- a) an address database that lists directory numbers and their associated locations;
- 15 b) a service control point in communication with the address database; and
- c) a wireless network having a location system that tracks locations of wireless network devices,

wherein the service control point is adapted to search the
20 address database using a directory number, and to forward an associated location of the directory number.

39. The system of claim 38, wherein the wireless network includes a mapping converter that translates the associated location from a raw to displayable form.

25 40. The system of claim 38, wherein the service control point includes a mapping converter that translates the associated location from a raw to displayable form.

41. The system of claim 38, wherein the system is a part of a calling name delivery service and the system further comprises a name database that lists directory numbers and their associated calling party names,

5 wherein the service control point is adapted to search the name database using a directory number, and to forward an associated calling party name of the directory number to a display unit.

42. A method for delivering a wireless calling party's location as part of a calling name delivery service, the method comprising:

10 a) receiving at a central office a call to a subscriber of the calling name delivery service, the call including a directory number of the wireless calling party;

b) triggering a query to a service control point requesting call routing instructions;

15 c) retrieving a location and a name of the calling party using the directory number;

d) if the location is raw, translating the location into displayable form;

20 e) returning the call routing instructions, the name, and the location to the central office;

f) forwarding the call, the name, and the location to the subscriber; and

g) displaying the name and the location on a calling number display unit of the subscriber.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein prior to receiving the call at the central office, the method further comprises determining the location of the wireless calling party and recording the location.

44. A network that tracks locations of network devices comprising:

- 5 a) an address database that stores directory numbers and their corresponding location information;
- b) a location system that provides the address database with the location information; and
- 10 c) a mobile switching center in communication with the address database and the location system, wherein the mobile switching center is adapted to receive calls from the network devices, wherein the network is adapted to determine the location of the network devices using the location system, to record the location information in the address database, and to provide access to the address database by a second network.

- 15 45. The network of claim 44, wherein the network is adapted to record the location information before the mobile switching center forwards the call.

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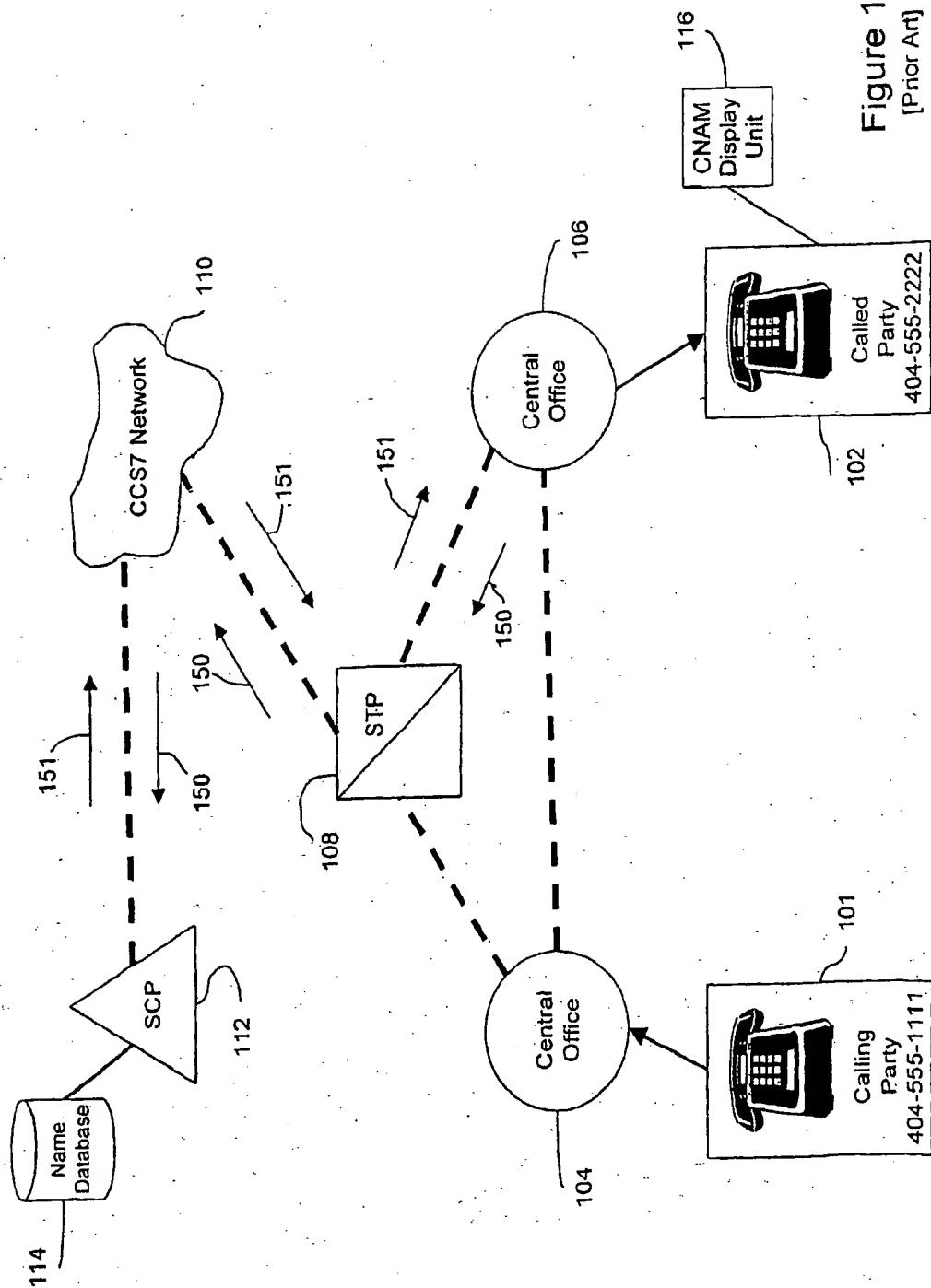


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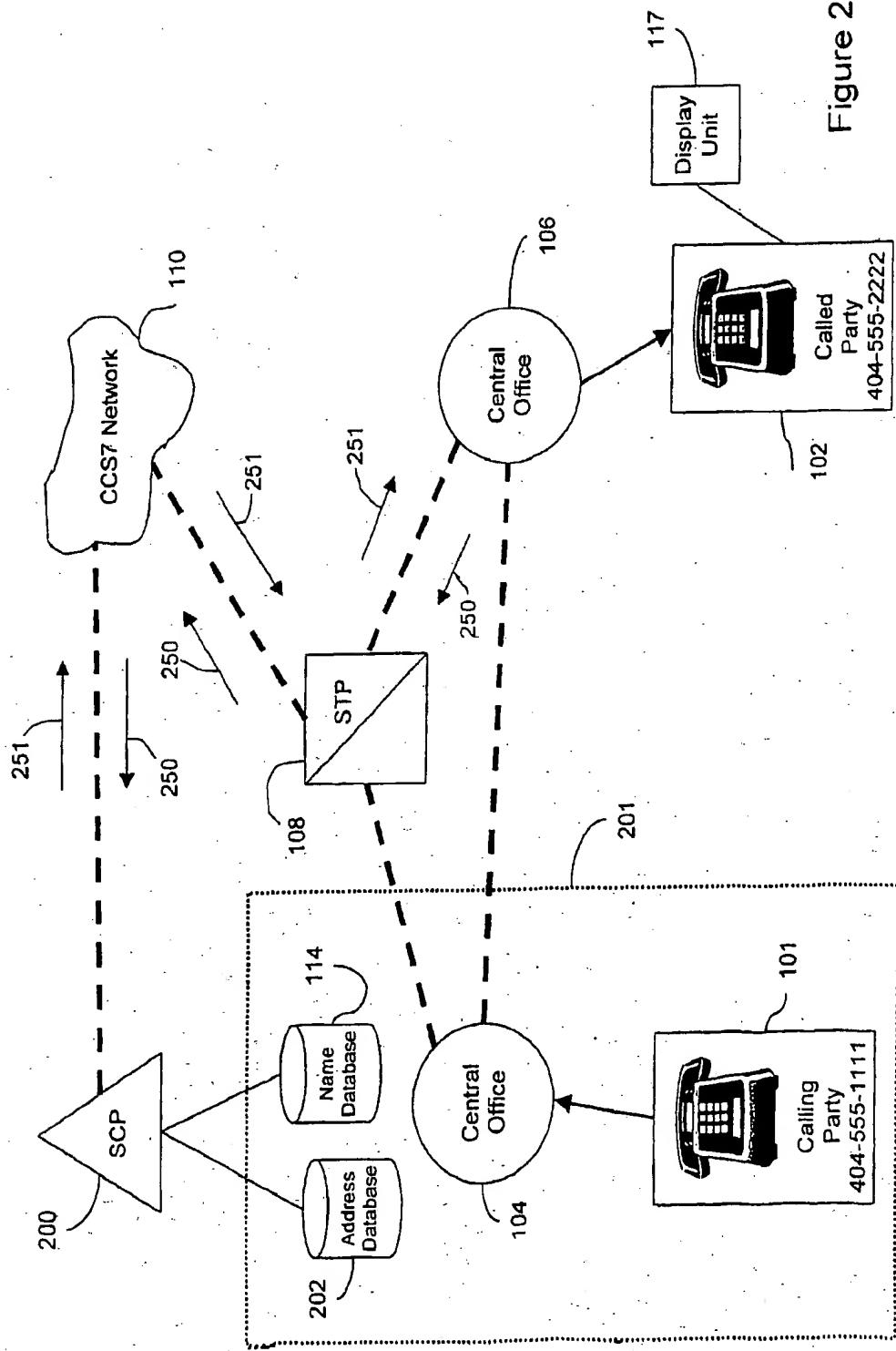


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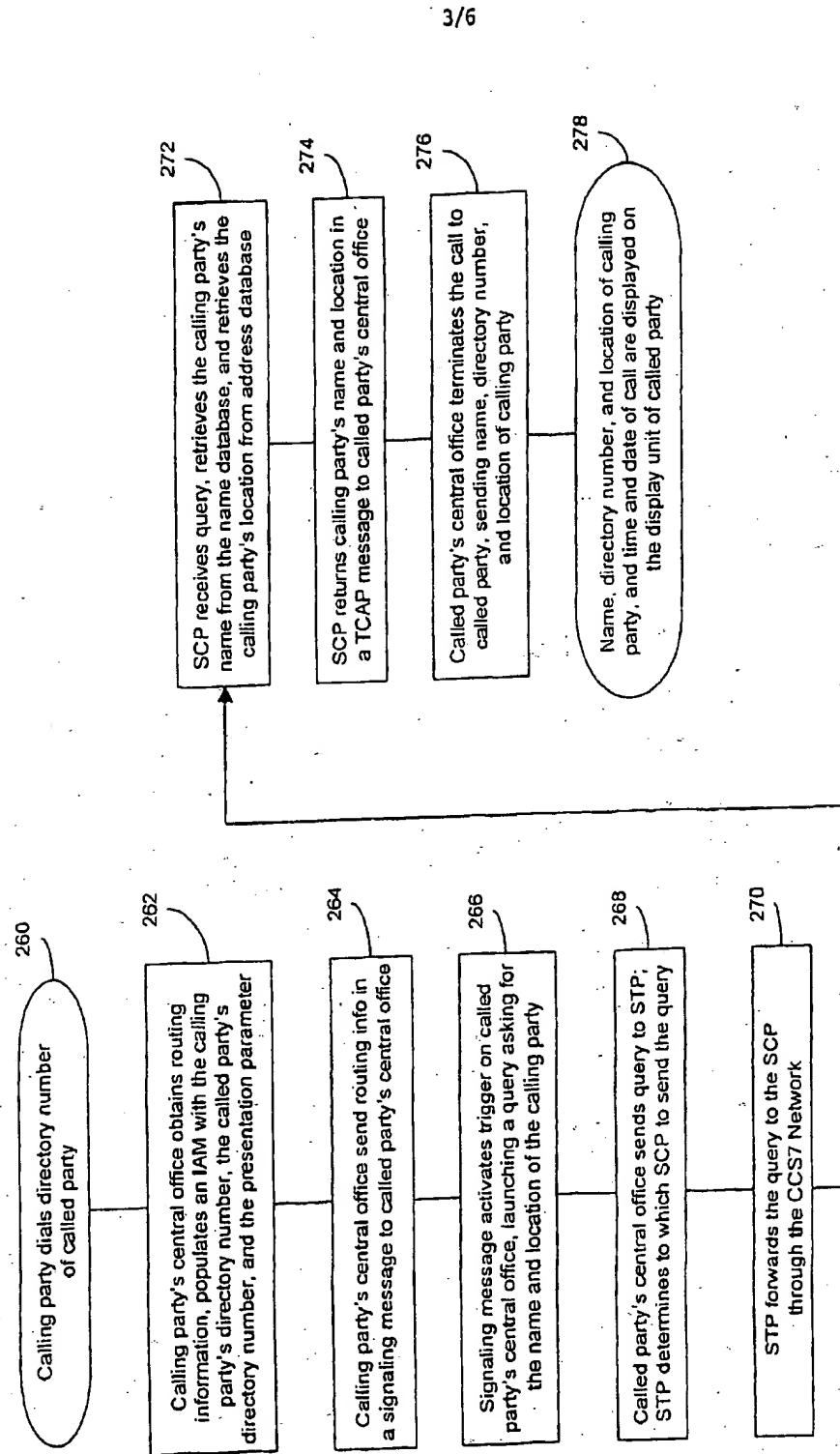


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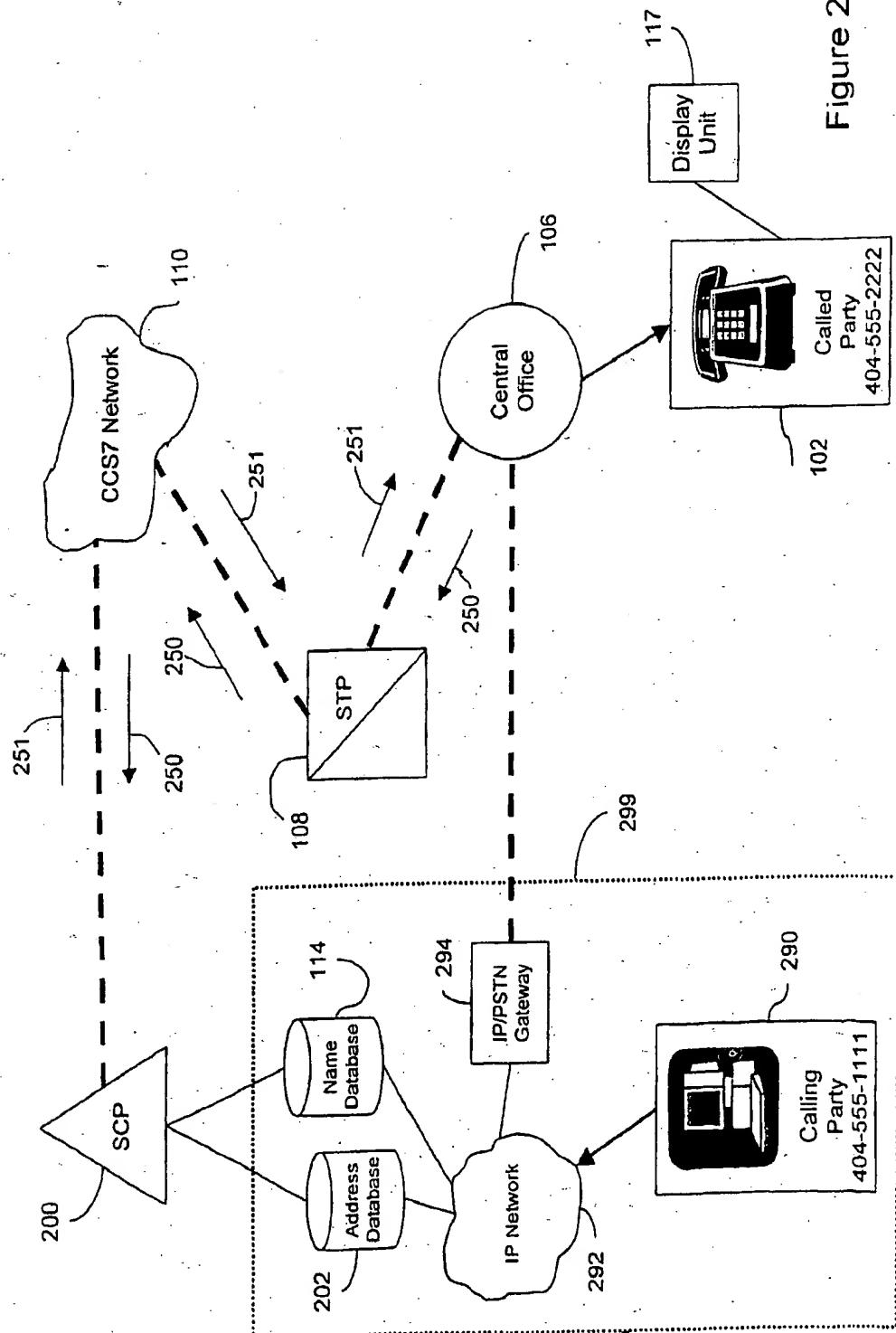


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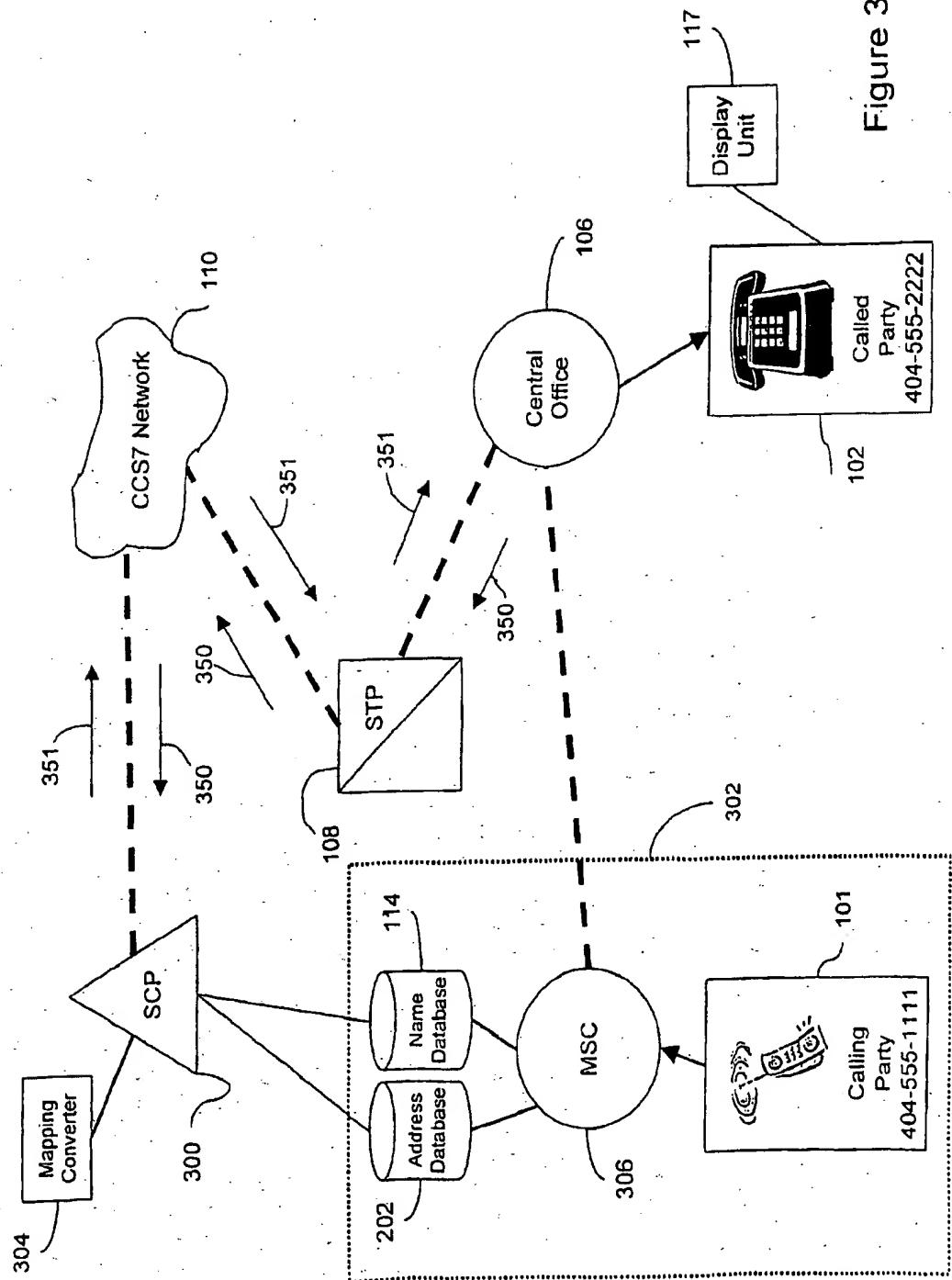


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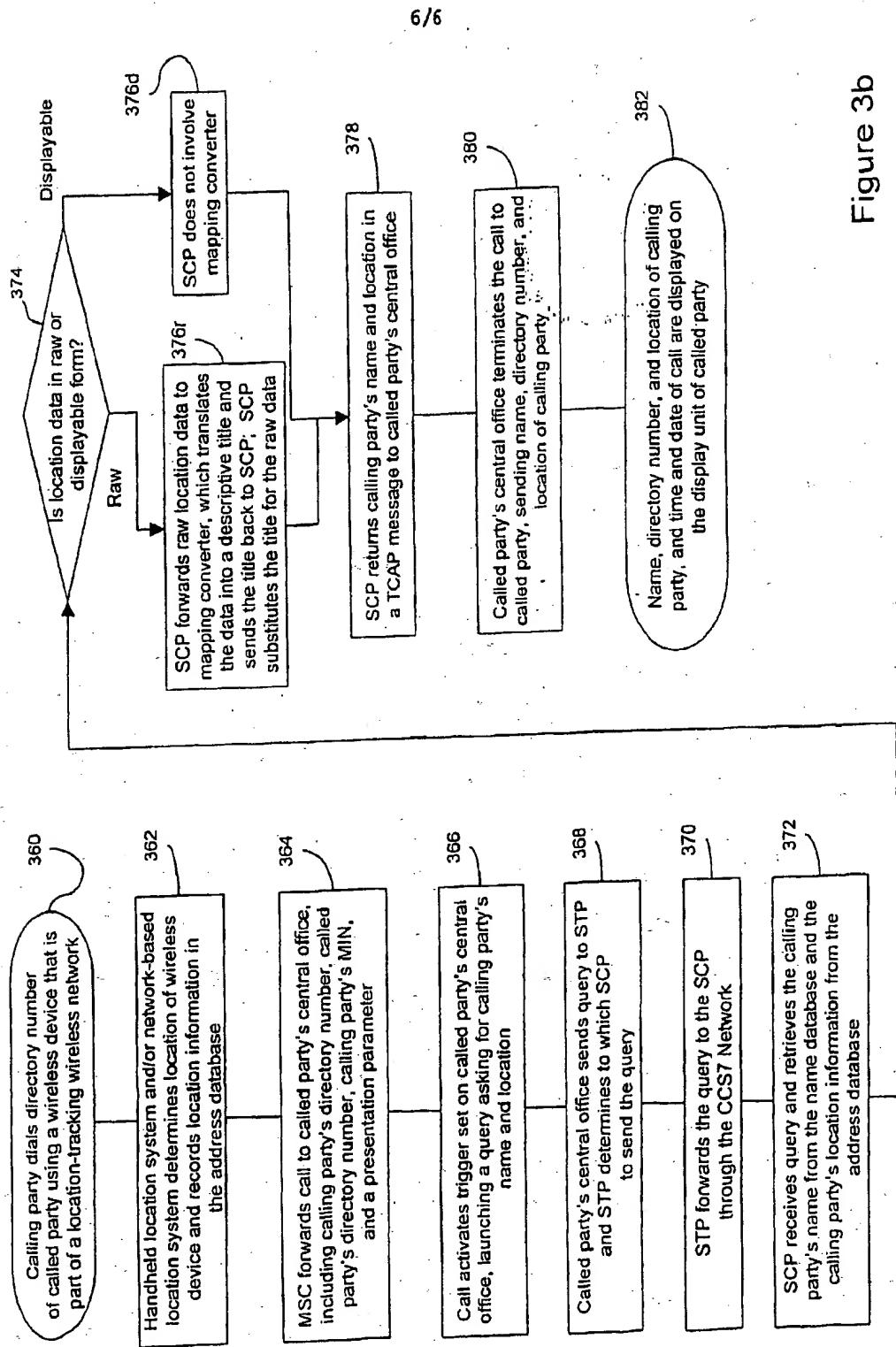


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